

# Modal Plans



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# California's Multi-Modal Transportation System

California's complex transportation infrastructure network supports a variety of travel modes, from highways and trains, to airplanes, buses, and bikes. Ownership and operating responsibility for the various parts of the transportation system falls to a variety of entities such as counties, cities, transit agencies, ports, private businesses, regional transportation planning agencies, tribal governments, and the state.

The state represented by Caltrans, citizens, has primary responsibility for the interregional mobility of people and goods. Much of that responsibility lies in operating and maintaining the state highway system to provide a dependable and reasonable level of service, accessibility into and through gateways and adequate connectivity to intermodal transfer points. Caltrans also supports California's interregional transportation system through funding passenger rail and transit services, regulating airports, and advocating for mass transit guideways. Most importantly, Caltrans maintains an ongoing cooperative relationship between other transportation stakeholders, particularly regional and local agencies, to mutually consult, cooperate, and seek consensus on transportation priorities and strategies.

The following narratives and accompanying maps provide an overview of California's existing and proposed interregional transportation system by mode – the State highway system, the passenger rail system, the goods movement network, the state's public use and military airports, and the transit system. The narratives describe each system, the trends and issues challenging that system and how the state proposes to address those challenges. Each narrative is followed by a map or maps illustrating the existing system for each mode and, where available, a map of the future system if Caltrans were to carry out all the planned transportation investments in its existing long-range plans.

Caltrans prepares long-range planning documents for each one of these modes that describes the vision, goals, and strategic investments for meeting California's future mobility needs. Caltrans' major long-range planning documents are the following:

## **State Highway System**

- 1998 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan
- 2009 Ten-Year SHOPP Plan
- Corridor System Management Plans
- 2009 California High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Express Lane Business Plan

## **Passenger Rail**

- California State Rail Plan

## **Goods Movement**

- Goods Movement Action Plan

## **Aeronautics**

- California Aviation System Plan

## **Transit**

- Statewide Transit Strategic Plan (Concept Draft)

Caltrans has always maintained continuity between all of its long-range planning documents. However, the California Interregional Blueprint will integrate and align these state plans, along with Caltrans sponsored programs such as the Regional Blueprint Planning Program, Complete Streets, and the Smart Mobility Framework, more directly to provide a comprehensive picture of the state's multi-modal interregional transportation system.